

REMARKS

Claims 4, 8, 13, 14, 19 and 20 directed to a non-elected invention have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application directed to the canceled subject matter.

Claims 5 and 15 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejections over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,858,381 and over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,878,511, the common Assignee submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration dates of the full statutory terms of prior Patent Nos. 6,858,381 and 6,878,511. Withdrawal of the foregoing obviousness-type double patenting rejections is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, the undersigned states that the present application in each of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,858,381 and 6,878,511 were, at the time that the invention was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same person so as to disqualify U.S. Patent Nos. 6,858,381 and 6,878,511 for use in an obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)/103(c).

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 and 15-18 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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